(c) 613 MW capacity has been added during the last 3 years in Gujarat. In addition, the State has also got its due share from the central Stations in operation in Western Region and assistance was also provided from the neighboring Systems/States.

Speed Post Facility in Gujarat

2898. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities which are having 'speed post facility' in Gujarat and the number of those cities where this facility does not exist;

(b) the number of cities where Government propose to introduce speed post service during 1992; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Speed Post facility is available in the following 3 cities/ towns under national network and 9 cities/ towns under point to point speed post service:-

1. Under National Network

   Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodra.

2. Under Point to Point Speed Post Service

   Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Gandhidham, Kandla, Kandla Free Trade Zone, Jamnagar, Surender Nagar, Ankleshwar and Vapi.

   The facility does not exist in other cities of Gujarat.

(b) There is no proposal for the present to introduce speed post service in any other city/town in Gujarat.

(c) Non availability of suitable transmission network and traffic viability are the reasons for not introducing speed post service in other cities.

Telephones to Gram Panchayats in Gujarat

2899. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the scheme to provide one telephone to each gram panchayat was introduced; and

(b) the details of the telephones provided so far to gram panchayats in Gujarat, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) January 1991.

(b) The details of the telephone provided upon 31.11.91 to Gram Panchayat Villages in Gujarat district-wise are given below:-

1.	Ahmedabad	145
2.	Ambreli	150
3.	Banaskantha	159
4.	Bhawnagar	153
5.	Bharuch	126
6.	Jamnagar	145
7.	Unjagarh	221
8.	Khera	226

9.	Bhuj	186
10.	Masana	302
11.	Panchmahal	140
12.	Rajkote	189
13.	Sabarkantha	176
14.	Sundernagar	140
15.	Surat	152
16.	Baroda	107
17.	Balsar	158
	Total	2875

Doordarshan Relay Kendras to Telecast Programmes of main Doordarshan Kendras

2900. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Relay Kendras have been provided the facility to relay the telecasts of main Doordarshan Kendras of the State;

(b) if so, the number of Relay Kendras linked so far with the main Kendras; and

(c) the time by which the remaining Kendras are likely to be so linked?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Out of 528 TV transmitters presently functioning in the country, 197 TV transmitters relay the programmes of main Doordarshan Kendras in the respective States either through satellite or micorwave mode of linkage.

(c) Linkage of the TV transmitters to the main Doordarshan Kendras in the respective States is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources, requisite space segment capacity and commissioning of the microwave links engineered by the department of Telecommunications.

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Range of Kasauli T.V. Tower

2901. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the present range of T.V. tower at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The high power (10 KW) TV transmitter functioning at Kasauli provides service within a range of about 220 Kms subject to local terrain conditions. This coverage area includes fringe areas also where elevated antennae and booster are required for obtaining reception.

Sale of Postal Stationery through General Stores

2902. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the desirability of starting the sale of Postal stationery through selected general stores operating in different markets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.